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In Re the Application of:

HERMAN et al.

Serial No.: 10/008,329

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For: "METHOD AND APPARATUS
FOR REDUCING ERROR
RECOVERY TIME IN HARD
DISK DRIVE"

Group Art Unit: 2133

Examiner: Kerveros, James C.

**REQUEST FOR THREE-MONTH
EXTENSION OF TIME**

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Dear Sir:

Applicants, through their attorneys, respectfully petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) of three (3) months in which to respond to the Office Action mailed March 30, 2004, with respect to the above-identified patent application, thereby extending the period for response from June 30, 2004 to September 30, 2004.

Applicants hereby authorize the Commissioner to charge the credit card identified on the enclosed Form PTO-2038 in the amount of \$950.00 for the fee set forth in 37 CFR § 1.17(a)(3) for payment of the extension fee. Applicants believe that no other fees are due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to debit Deposit Account No. 50-2198 for any fee deficiencies associated with filing this paper.

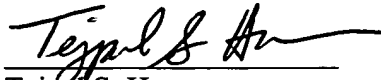
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